

## Council Meeting Minutes

*Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 458th Meeting of the Council, San Francisco, St. Francis Hotel, March 26, 1960.*

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sherman in the Borgia Room of the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, on Saturday, March 26, 1960, at 9:30 a.m.

### Roll Call:

Present were President Foster, President-Elect Bostick, Speaker Doyle, Vice-Speaker Heron, Secretary Hosmer, Editor Wilbur and Councilors MacLaggan, Wheeler, Todd, Quinn, O'Neill, Kirchner, O'Connor, Shaw, Rogers, Gifford, Murray, Davis, Miller, Sherman, Campbell, Morrison, Anderson and Teall. None absent.

A quorum present and acting.

Present by invitation were Messrs. Hunton, Thomas, Clancy, Collins, Marvin, Whelan, Edwards and Dr. Batchelder of C.M.A. staff; Messrs. Hassard and Huber of legal counsel; county executives Scheuber of Alameda-Contra Costa, Jensen of Fresno, Pettis and Field of Los Angeles, Bannister of Orange, Brayer of Riverside, Dochtermann of Sacramento, Donmyer of San Bernardino, Nute of San Diego, Neick of San Francisco, Thompson of San Joaquin, Donovan of Santa Clara and Bailey of Tulare; Dr. Malcolm Merrill, state Director of Public Health, Dr. John Keye of the State Department of Social Welfare; Dr. A. E. Larsen and Messrs. Wilson Wahlberg, Martin Webb and Richard Lyon of California Physicians' Service; Mr. Charles O. Finley; Doctors Roberta Fenlon, Thomas Elmendorf, W. W. Stiles, John Schaupp, George Herzog, Homer Pheasant and others.

### 1. Minutes for Approval:

(a) On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 456th meeting of the Council, held February 20-24, 1960, were approved.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 457th meeting of the Council, held February 24, 1960, were approved.

### 2. Membership:

(a) A report of membership as of March 24, 1960, was presented and ordered filed.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, ten applicants were voted Retired Membership. These were: Frederick J. Carson, James Hilgesen, Alameda-Contra Costa County; Arthur M. Rosenthal, R. Esmond Smith, Leon J. Tiber, Leland S. Welbourn, Los Angeles County; Adolph Gottschalk, Albert M. Jacobs, S. Nicholas Jacobs, San Francisco County; Henry D. Stailey, Sonoma County.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, 17 applicants were voted Associate Membership. These were: Carl V. Granger, Jr., Marin County; Richard H. Anderson, Amet El Aziz Zahawi, Orange County; Ross H. Seasley, Jr., San Bernardino County; Mary Bradford, Charles R. Cotham, San Diego County; Alfred L. Kavanagh, San Joaquin County; Joseph W. Galla, San Mateo County; Amalie Jacobsohn, Merrill Hubert Judd, Edward William McCormick, Antipas Merjanian, William Matthew Sproul, Gerald W. Turley, Neil Flaherty, Tokio Ishikawa, Milton Veldee, Santa Clara County.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded in each instance, reductions of dues were voted for 19 members for reasons of prolonged illness or postgraduate study.

(e) Applications for reductions of dues for other reasons were presented and referred to the Finance Committee for study and recommendation. On report of the committee, it was regularly moved, seconded and voted that these applications be denied and the applicants urged to resign their memberships temporarily and rejoin when they return to active practice in the county society area or elsewhere.

### 3. 1960 House of Delegates Actions:

#### (a) Recommendations of Reference Committee No. 1:

Reports of District Councilors—Recommended these be circulated in the districts and not published in Pre-Convention Bulletin: It was agreed that district councilors consider the procedure in use in some districts, where regular reports are made following Council meetings, such reports prepared by the councilor and prepared and distributed to delegates through the C.M.A. office.

Committee on Disaster Medical Care—Recommended that county societies maintain strong and active local committees: Referred to Committee on Disaster Medical Care.

Committee on Community and Rural Health—Recommended continued studies of bracero problems: It was agreed to refer to committee, and that the committee give this high priority and keep county societies advised as to status of entire problem in C.M.A.

Commission on Medical Education—Re proposed committee on undergraduate activities: Refer to Committee on Medical Education for report to next Council meeting.

Commission on Medical Services—Urged publication of supplemental report in *Newsletter*: Agreed to publish in CALIFORNIA MEDICINE and publicize this publication in *Newsletter*.

Advertising Committee—Commend committee: Approved by Council for transmittal to committee members.

Social Security Poll Format—Refer back to committee: Agreed to refer back to committee, with suggestion that interested officers and councilors be invited to meet with committee. A specific group of councilors was designated to present the views of the Council to the committee.

(b) *Recommendations of Other Reference Committees:*

All resolutions adopted by the House of Delegates or specifically referred to the Council or to commissions or committees were reviewed. The following allocations or referrals were made, or affirmed, by the Council:

*Referred to Council:*

No. 16—Referred to Liaison Committee with California Hospital Association.

No. 23—Referred to Liaison Committee with California Hospital Association, Medical Review and Advisory Board and Legislative Committee.

No. 36—Tabled.

No. 37—Committee on Mental Health.

No. 40—Refer to Committee on Disaster Medical Care.

No. 48—Refer to Commission on Medical Services.

*Referred to Commission on Medical Services* (by action of House of Delegates or Council): Resolutions Nos. 30, 47, 48, 51, 59, 62, 65, 68, 73. (On No. 59, it was agreed that the Committee for Emergency Action could act if advisable.)

Referred to Liaison Committee between Commission on Medical Services and C.P.S.: Resolutions Nos. 6, 13, 57, 75, 76.

*Referred to Board of Trustees of C.P.S.:* Resolutions Nos. 3, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 18, 29, 31, 45, 46.

*Referred to Speaker of House of Delegates:* Resolution No. 74.

*Referred to Commission on Community Health Services:* Resolution No. 9.

*C.M.A. Staff to Implement—*Resolutions Nos. 4, 8, 32, 33, 34, 35, 38, 41, 71.

*Other Resolutions and Council Actions on Them:*

No. 1—Committee on Scientific Work.

No. 2—Committee on Legislation.

No. 42—Ad hoc Committee on Scientific Activities.

No. 49—Publish in CALIFORNIA MEDICINE and in Newsletter.

No. 52—Finance Committee.

No. 53—Committee on Other Professions.

No. 54—First Resolved to Committee on Traffic Safety; second to Legislation.

No. 55—Ad hoc Committee on Scientific Activities.

No. 58—Committee on Legislation.

No. 61—Committee on School Health.

No. 66—Committee on Other Professions.

No. 67—Liaison Committee with State Bar.

No. 69—Committee on Legislation.

No. 70—Committee on Social Security Format.

No. 72—Bureau of Research and Planning.

*By-Laws Amendments:*

Nos. 8, 9, 13—Ad hoc Committee on Scientific Activities.

Nos. 10, 11—To legal counsel for opinion.

4. *Commission on Medical Services:*

Dr. Milo Youel of San Diego presented a suggested plan for the writing of medical cost insurance, utilizing a reserve and a loan fund for meeting costs. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer this to the Commission on Medical Services for study before referring it to the C.P.S. Board of Trustees.

Dr. Murray reported on the creation of an organization chart for the Commission—C.P.S. Liaison Committee and proposed several nominees for appointment to the committee. It was regularly moved, seconded and voted to refer these names to the Committee on Committees, with the Council to add one additional member and to designate a chairman.

On the liaison committee to the State Department of Social Welfare, Dr. Sherman expressed his wish to be relieved of the chairmanship and it was regularly moved, seconded and voted to appoint Dr. William Quinn as chairman.

On the advisory committee to the State Board of Social Welfare, the resignation of Dr. Harrington was received. Since the State Board has announced the necessity of reducing C.M.A. representation on this board to two members, it was regularly moved, seconded and voted to approve Doctors Sherman and Quinn as members.

A letter from a member, complaining of the choice of committee members under the Commission on Medical Services, was read to the Council. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to acknowledge receipt of this letter.

5. *Committee on Committees:*

Councilor Davis reported for his study committee that it was recommended that the Committee on Committees be made up of the President, President-Elect, Speaker, Council Chairman and five council-

ors who are not commission chairmen. It was also recommended that commission chairmen and others be invited to meet with the committee as consultants and that all meetings be in executive session. On motion duly made and seconded, these proposals were approved. On motion duly made and seconded, Councilors Gifford, Davis, Wheeler, Todd and Anderson were elected under the above committee structure.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to refer to the Committee on Committees the matter of nominations for members of the Liaison Committee to the State Bar and the Advisory Committee to the California Medical Assistant's Association.

#### 6. *California Medicine:*

Editor Wilbur proposed that a series of articles be run in CALIFORNIA MEDICINE to outline each aspect of the structure and activities of the Association, with the possibility that these articles might be incorporated in a pamphlet upon their completion. On motion duly made and seconded, this proposal was approved and it was voted to consider preparation of such a pamphlet for distribution to all new members of the Association after the articles had all been prepared and printed.

#### 7. *Ad Hoc Committee on Scientific Activities:*

Dr. Wilbur gave a progress report for the Committee on Continuing Education and Scientific Activities, pointing out that subcommittees have been formed to consider, as separate items, CALIFORNIA MEDICINE, postgraduate activities and Annual Sessions. Further reports will be made later.

#### 8. *Olympic Winter Games:*

Councilor Davis introduced Dr. W. W. Stiles, medical director of the Eighth Olympic Winter Games. Dr. Stiles reported that about 150 physicians had volunteered their services and that 58 had served, not more than 32 at any one time. All cases were handled effectively and about 2,500 patients were seen. Of these, roughly one-third were surgical cases, one-third upper respiratory cases and the balance miscellaneous medical problems. Dr. Stiles was complimented by the chairman for his good work.

#### 9. *Financial:*

A report of bank balances, loans, etc., as of March 24, 1960, was presented and ordered filed.

Dr. Heron, chairman of the Finance Committee, recommended that an additional \$1,000 be appropriated for the ad hoc Committee on Continuing Education and Scientific Activities. On motion duly made and seconded, this appropriation was voted by the required three-fourths vote. If additional

funds are required in the next fiscal year, the committee will present its needs to the Council.

Dr. Heron also recommended that an additional \$7,500 be appropriated for the purchase of equipment needed in the office. On motion duly made and seconded, this appropriation was voted by the required three-fourths vote.

On applications for reduction of dues for miscellaneous causes, the committee recommended that applicants be advised to resign temporarily and seek readmission when they return to active practice. (See also item 2e.)

#### 10. *Reports of President, President-Elect:*

Doctors Foster and Bostick gave progress reports on their current activities. No action was required on either.

#### 11. *Commission on Public Policy:*

(a) For the Committee on Legislation, Mr. Ben Read reported on the status of the current session of the State Legislature.

(b) For the Public Relations Committee, Dr. Watts reported on consideration given to an expanded program of public relations, including securing additional personnel for the department and for the Bureau of Research and Planning. On motion duly made and seconded, the Executive Director was authorized to secure needed personnel.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to name the Council chairman, Finance Committee chairman and Public Relations chairman as a review committee to consider and approve matters of financing, personnel and other items in the public relations program.

Dr. Watts proposed that a steering committee be formed to prepare the programs for public relations conferences, with district councilors to choose members of this committee from among the public relations chairmen in their districts. On motion duly made and seconded, this proposal was approved.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to authorize the Committee on Public Relations to establish a subcommittee on motion pictures, radio and television and, in conjunction with the Committee on Committees, to bring in nominations for this committee at the next Council meeting.

A question brought by members of the Commission on Cancer, asking clarification of the ethics of physicians sending followup examination letters to their patients, was discussed. It was agreed that such letters, if sent, should suggest a general examination rather than examination for a specific disease and that they should eliminate the possibility of the patient's being under the care of another physician. On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted that such letters under these circumstances would not be deemed unethical.

Mr. Clancy gave a progress report on a campaign directed against pending legislation considered inimical to the public health.

Mr. Clancy presented a proposed Certificate of Appreciation to be presented to the Kern County Medical Society in recognition of the services performed by members of the society following a disastrous train-truck wreck near Bakersfield. It was explained that such certificates might be prepared under unusual circumstances where individuals or groups, medical or lay, performed outstanding services in behalf of the public. On motion duly made and seconded, approval was voted for such certificates.

#### 12. *State Department of Public Health:*

Dr. Malcolm Merrill, State Director of Public Health, gave a progress report on the work of the Department in fields of scientific research, narcotics and nalline testing, alcoholic rehabilitation, food additives, auto exhaust and air pollution. He also reported that the Hospital Council would meet April 1 to make final allocations of funds for aid in construction of hospitals and allied structures.

#### 13. *California Physicians' Service:*

Dr. Heron reported that the stabilization fund of California Physicians' Service has almost reached the minimum requirements recommended by the NAIC and that C.P.S. programs are progressing satisfactorily.

#### 14. *Committee on Insurance:*

Councilor Kirchner introduced Dr. Homer Pheasant, chairman of the Insurance Committee, and Mr. Charles O. Finley, administrator of the present disability insurance program. Dr. Pheasant commented on a financial report of the disability insurance program which had previously been distributed to Council members. Mr. Finley reported on a proposed program to be offered members of the American Medical Association to provide lifetime coverage for disabilities arising through either accident or illness, which several insurance carriers are prepared to underwrite.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to extend the thanks of the Association to Mr. Finley for his conduct of the disability insurance program.

#### 15. *Government Purchases of Medical Services:*

Dr. Teall discussed the very urgent need for doctors to clarify their thoughts on what they believe to be the proper role of government in medical care. He proposed a study to determine guide lines of philosophy and principle which C.M.A. can support as to (a) what medical services are the proper responsibility of government, (b) by which level of government, (federal, state, county, city) these services should be provided and (c) for which classes of citizens they should be provided. Since the subject concerns many C.M.A. committees and commissions it cannot be easily assigned to any one existing group for study and report. It was therefore, moved and passed that an ad hoc committee be requested to determine, and to recommend to the Council at its April meeting, how and by whom such a study can best be made. This ad hoc committee is to consist of the chairmen of the Commissions on Medical Service, on Public Agencies and on Public Policy and the chairman and members of the Bureau of Research and Planning. Dr. Sherman appointed the chairman of the Commission on Medical Services to chair this ad hoc recommending committee.

#### 16. *Staff Report:*

Mr. Hassard directed attention to a report by California Physicians' Service on the MD-65 contracts, which to date have required no financial contribution by the Association.

Mr. Hassard also asked that the councilors review a set of suggested procedures for the Annual Session, drafted by the staff, and be prepared to decide on these questions at the next meeting.

Mr. Hassard also reported that within about ten days the final contract provisions for service and indemnity programs for federal employees would be announced. (In California, the service contract would provide for a unit factor of five on the Relative Value Study for employees or dependents up to a \$7,200 income ceiling; the lower level of benefits would establish an income ceiling of \$4,000 and benefits, on an indemnity basis only, of about factor three on the Relative Value Study.)

#### *Adjournment:*

There being no further business to come before it, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

SAMUEL R. SHERMAN, M.D., *Chairman*  
MATTHEW N. HOSMER, M.D., *Secretary*